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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM REARDON**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that William Reardon, age 38, of Westfield, New York, pled guilty before the Hon. John T. Elfvin, to a One-Count Information which charges him with possession of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252. Under the statute, the defendant faces a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a possible maximum term of 20 years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for October 1, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin J. Littlefield stated the plea arises out of an undercover investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent-In-Charge Peter Ahearn in cooperation with Chautauqua County Sheriff Joseph A. Gerace. Also assisting in the investigation were members of the New York State Police.

In his plea, the defendant admitted to possession of electronic files, including a digital movie, which depicted actual children engaging in sexual acts. The defendant also admitted to having previously engaged in a pattern of sexual abuse of children for which he had been previously convicted in New York State Court. (The defendant has a 1983 conviction for sexual contact with an individual less than 17 years old and also a 1997 conviction for sexual contact with an individual less than 14 years old - - both convictions occurring in Chautauqua County.) As a result of the FBI undercover investigation coupled with information and investigative efforts compiled by the Chautauqua County Sheriff, the FBI and the New York State Police, a search warrant was executed at Reardon's residence in Westfield, New York on April 2, 2004. It was as a result of these investigative activities that the government was able to successfully complete this prosecution with the defendant's plea of guilty today.